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MEDIA ADVISORY HIGH RISE TRAINING *LIVE BURNS*

Starting today, Monday, May 1, 2006, the Milwaukee Fire Department will be conducting live fire evolutions in the building located at 1275 North 17th Street. There will be two fires a day, one in the morning about 10:00 am and one in the afternoon about 1:30 pm. The fires will be on the sixth floor of the building. This will make the fire very visible in the area. The fire department is asking all news media to assist us in informing the public of this training.

The fires should last only about 20-30 minutes each, but will produce a large amount of black smoke. The department also welcomes any interest from the media on doing a story about this training.

Live fire training, especially in high rise buildings, is a very rare occurrence in the fire service. This is a unique opportunity for the media to help the public to understand the operations of the fire department.

If any media outlet would like to have an interview with a department member relating to these issues, or any other fire safety issues, please feel free to call Lieutenant Brian O ' Connor at (414) 286-8968.

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